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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS - PLENARY NINE

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMBASSADOR STOESSEL'S STATEMENT  
DELIVERED AT MARCH 4, 1975 PLENARY:

BEGINNING TEXT: DURING THESE NEGOTIATIONS, OUR TWO DELEGATIONS  
HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF USEFUL EXCHANGES ON CURRENT AND  
POSSIBLE FUTURE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS INVOLVING PNES. AS A  
RESULT, EACH SIDE HAS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CURRENT  
THINKING OF THE OTHER SIDE ON SUCH MATTERS.

AT THE INFORMAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 27, DR. MYASNIKOV  
PRESENTED A NUMBER OF YIELDS WHICH HE ESTIMATED MIGHT BE  
REQUIRED IN POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS INVOLVING PNES. WE  
HAVE NO BASIS FOR COMMENT ON THESE ESTIMATES AND WE READILY  
ASSUME THAT THEY ARE BASED UPON SCIENTIFIC, ENGINEERING AND  
ECONOMIC ANALYSIS. FURTHER, THE US DELEGATION HAS NO  
INCLINATION TO ATTEMPT TO COMMENT UPON THE RELATIONSHIP  
OF SUCH POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS TO THE ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION. HOWEVER, I WISH TO  
EMPHASIZE AN ESSENTIAL POINT. IT IS NOT OUR TASK TO  
ASSURE THAT ALL CONCEIVABLE PROJECTS CAN BE CARRIED

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OUT IN THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS WAY. RATHER, IT IS OUR

TASK TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLE III OF THE TREATY OF JULY 1974 -- A TREATY WHICH WAS NEGOTIATED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND WHICH IMPOSES STRICT AND WELL-DEFINED LIMITATIONS UPON THE TESTING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

IN OUR VIEW, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF THE TREATY OF JULY 1974 WITHOUT IMPOSING CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF PNES BY BOTH SIDES: AND, MR. MINISTER, THIS MORNING YOU DISCUSSED ONE EXAMPLE OF XNCH LIMITATIONS. MWE HAVE PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD BE EFFECTIVE IN MEETING THIS GOAL AND WHICH WOULD APPLY EQUALLY TO BOTH SIDES. WE FULLY REALIZE THAT ONE CONSEQUENCE OF OUR PROPOSALS COULD BE THAT SOME PROJECTS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO ONE OR BOTH SIDES COULD ONLY BE CARRID OUT BY METHODS WHICH MIGHT INVOLVE GREATER DIFFICULTY OR GREATER COST AND TIME.

WE ARE PREPARED TO WPCEPT THIS FACT BECAUSE OF THE OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING EFFECTIVE AND VERIFIABLE CONSTRAINTS ON THE TESTING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. WE HOPE THAT THE SOVIET SIDE SHARES THIS VIEW. YOUR REMARKS THIS MORNING SUGGEST TO US THAT YOU DO SHARE OUR CONCERN FOR MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF LIMITATIONS ON NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS, AND THAT WE CAN CONTINUE OUR WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY.

THANK YOU. END TEXT  
STOESSEL

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